GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2121
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UNAUTHORISED GROUND HANDLING AGENCIES AT IGIA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) hasexpressed concern over the number of unauthorised ground handling agencies at the domestic and international terminals of IGI Airport;

(b) if so, the details of illegal agencies working at the airport; and

(c) the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c) :- The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security(BCAS) had expressed concern over the entrusting of the taskof security by airlines to private agencies. This also extended to the field of self-handling by these airlines. This issue was examined and it was decided that till the new Ground Handling Regulations were notified, those agencies may be permitted to provide these services, which met the conditions laid down by AAI. Now, the new Airports Authority of India (General Management, Entry for GroundHandling Services) Regulations, 2000, have been notified and AAIhave initiated the process of selecting private companies for providing ground handling services in a cost efficient and competitive manner, at international airports. Government has also decided to strictly enforce the provision that private security agencies should not be permitted for providing security services to airlines.